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Bill + Brita → Parents of Peterson's

Ellen

Betty

Johan

Family of Jonas Wilhelm Persson
"Bill" Peterson in Astoria

Born - Nov. 9, 1852 Löt, Öland, Sweden

Brita Nilsdotter Peterson
Born March 24, 1850
Vedby, Högby, Öland
Sweden

Photo about 1894 —
Bill, Brita, Betty, Ellen, Johan

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FAMILY of
JONAS WILHELM PERSSON
"BILL" PETERSON in Astoria
Born 9 November 1852, Löt, Öland, Sweden
& BRITA NILSDOTTER PETERSON
Born 24 March 1850, Vedby, Högby, Öland, Sweden

About 1894 - Bill & Brita Peterson in front
Betty, Ellen & Johan behind

Bota Bill
Grandma & Grandpa Peterson
their 1st House on Irving Ave.

1629 Irving - now 3359
Bill & Brita in front of their house on Irving Avenue
(in its first iteration).

Bill & Johan built this house high up on the Irving Ave. hill when it was just a rocky, muddy path. They carried every stick of lumber up muddy paths from the Clatsop Mill down by the water.
The house was very small to begin with but they soon added on to it and it became known in the family as the "Big House."

Otto Nelson built a home on the lot next door to the west. It was larger than the Peterson house in the beginning, but as Petersons enlarged their place, the Nelson house became known as the "Little House." Both were in the family for over 100 years.

When I showed Aunt Ellen this picture, she said, "Mama was fascinated by flowers. Look at all the plants she has on the porch already. There's the woodshed in back. There was nothing but woods behind up there."

There was no identification on this tintype, but it no doubt is Bill and Brita Peterson.
This was probably taken soon after they had settled in Astoria – ca 1890 - 95

Green Beach
Mother
Baby Wharf

Ellen Peterson, Brita Nilsdotter Peterson, Betty Peterson

Ellen said, "Mamma used to call me 'Lilla Ruva - Little Butterball.' I was just as round as a ball. Mama is looking dignified again."

"Lilla Ruva" translates to "Little Turnip" on Google. I guess one could say that a turnip is round as a butterball. Es & Sally said their mother called them "Lilla Pulla," a pet name meaning "Little Sweetheart" or "Little Honey."

The above is a print taken from a tintype that Es & Sally showed Mother & me. They had a set of 3 or 4 that they allowed me to take to a photo studio to have converted to prints. I gave Aunt Ellen a copy of the prints & probably also gave prints to Es & Sally.

old Home on Hill — Irving Ave.

"The BIG House on the Hill"

was 1629 Irving now 3359

Property was purchased from
Mary Leinenweber ca 1893

House built soon after by Bill Peterson
with help from son, Johan.
They purchased the lumber at Oatsap Mill
in Upper Iron & carried every stick
up the hill on their backs. The trail
was rocky & muddy.

Originally the house was very small but
soon they added to it — several times.

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the Nelson house became known to
the family as "The Little House on the Hill."

Ellen J. Brach

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Ellen J. Brach

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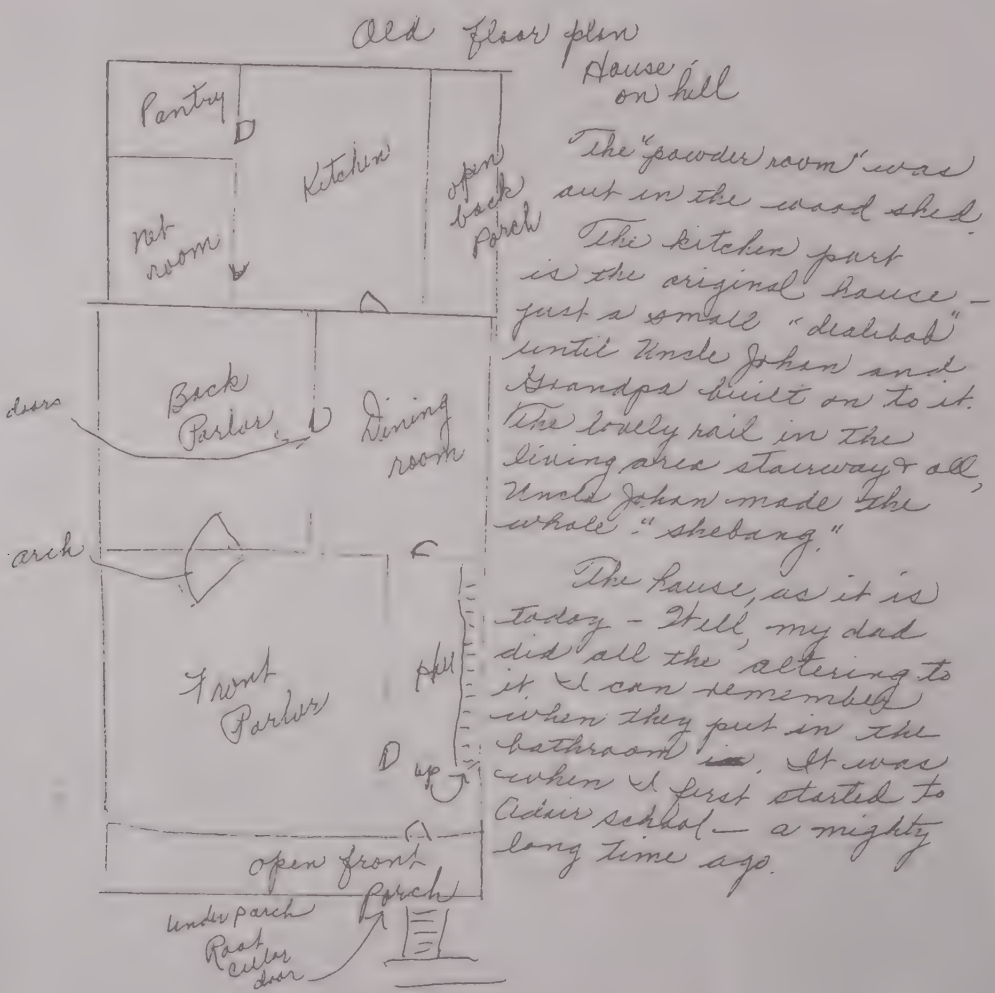
Velare Brach Planting drew this floor plan of the Peterson's Irving St. house from memory ca1978. She & her brother lived there as children with their parents and their maternal grandparents. She also later lived there with her husband and two daughters until about 1948.


Old Floor plan
House on hill
Pantry
Kitchen
open back porch
pot room
doors
Back Parlor
Dining room
arch
Front Parlor
hall
up
open front porch
under porch
Root cellar door
The "powder room" was out in the wood shed.
The kitchen part is the original house - just a small "dogtrot" until Uncle Johan and Grandpa built on to it. The lovely rail in the living area stairway & all, Uncle Johan made the whole "shebang."
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ASTORIA HOUSEHOLD DIRECTORY*

1954 Address 1629 Irving Post-1955 Address 3357

1888 – off map

1890 If not shown here but house existed then, refer to 1890 & 1893-94 list in Library.

1895 – off map

1893-94 Same as above.

1896 – off map

1896

1902

1904 Peterson, wm. res fshrmn
Peterson, Betty J. bds clerk(A. Dunbar Co.)
Peterson, John A.W.; ~~Wm xxx Betty xx~~ bds Capt.(launch, Ida Hazel)

1906

1908 – Peterson, John A.W.; Wm. res Capt.(launch, Ida Hazel) yes (address, 3163) but bldg. same

1908-09

Peterson, Wm. res fshrmn

1910

Peterson, Ellen bds clerk(Albert Dunbar & Co.)
Peterson, Wm.; ~~xxxxx~~ res fshrmn

1913 Peterson, Fred H. res proprietor(The Accurate Time Shop)
Brach, ~~xxxxx~~; Peter F.,(Ellen) res plumber(Hildebrand & Co.)
Peterson, Wm.; (Betty) res fshrmn

1915

Peterson, Wm.(Betty) res fshrmn

1917-18

Brach, Peter F.(Ellen) res plumbing, heating & gasfitting(566 Bond)
Peterson, Wm.(Betty) res fshrmn

1920-21 Brach, August I. r plumber (P.F. Brach
~~x Brach x Ellen~~
Brach, ~~xxxxx~~; (Ellen J.), Peter F.h plumbing, heating & sheet metal work(572 Bond)

1925 Brach, August I. r laborer
Brach, ~~xxxxx~~; Peter F.(Ellen J.) h plumber
Peterson, Betty r wid.(Wm. J.)

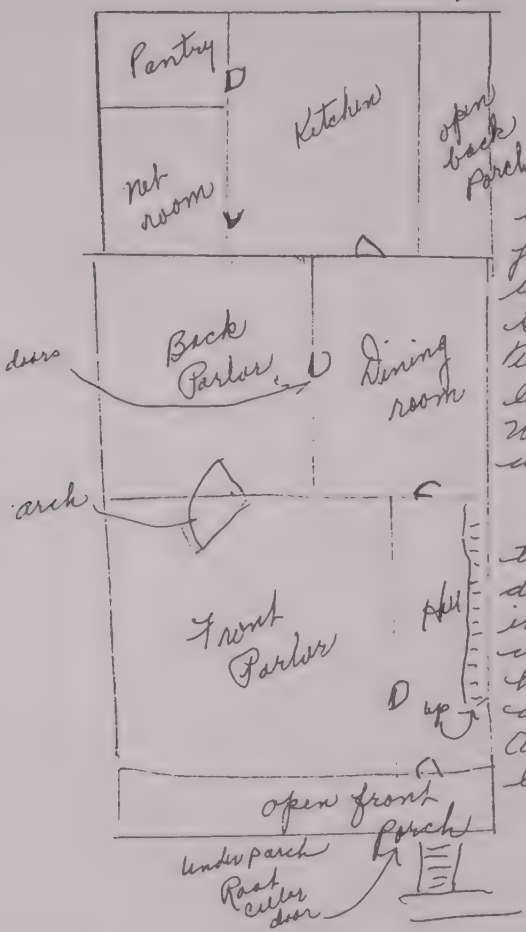
After 1925, consult colored section of Polk directories. Astoria Public Library has a complete collection of all that have been published.* This edition was compiled in 1981 by CETA employee Clifford Pearsall under the direction of Bruce Berney, Library Director.

William & Brita "Betty" Peterson

ca 1895 Wm Peterson home 1617 Irving (later 3341 - 3345) or 1629

Added by Sheryl Baker 7 Oct 2011

Old floor plan
House on hill



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Later 3341 or 3345 or 16 29

Drawing of 1617 Irving Irving House Plan ca 1920
done by Velare Brack Planting ca 1978

The house was built by William Peterson & his son, Johan A. W. Peterson (Great Grandfather & Grandfather of Sheryl Baker Ginn)

Added by Sheryl Ginn 7 Oct 2011

Mary M Zimmerman
to
L H Petersen and Betty Petersen
} Warranty Deed

Know all men by these Presents That I Mary M Zimmerman grantor
in consideration of Four hundred Dollars to me paid by the said
bargainees, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby grant
bargain sell and convey unto L H Petersen and Betty Petersen
husband and wife as joint tenants and not as tenants in common
the following described real estate situated in Klamath
County, Oregon to wit Lot Six (6) in Block Six (6) in Tract
(165) known as the Port of Upper Klamath as laid out and recorded
by John Acorn To have and to hold the same to the said
L H Petersen and Betty Petersen their heirs and assigns forever
And I the grantor do covenant with the said grantees and
their legal representatives forever that said premises are
free from all encumbrances and that I will and my
legal representatives shall warrant and defend the same
to the said grantees and their heirs and assigns forever
against all lawful claims whatsoever In Witness Whereof I
have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of
August 1893
Executed in the Presence of Mary M Zimmerman Seal

Deed for Lot 17 Irving Property Klamath Co. Deeds Vol. 27, page 345 (Vol. 3341 p. 315 to 337)
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Scanned by Klamath County 2011

1619 Irving (later 3341, 3345) – back side of "Big House"
~ 3359
The two houses are in the background just right of center
photo taken ca 1918

added by Sheryl Baker Gillin 7/Oct/2011

Left foreground 1617 Irving Later 3341 - 3345 or 1629

Aerial photo taken ca 1960 by Bob Ginn

added by Sheryl Ginn 7 Oct 2011

Swedish Picnic, Victoria ca. 1900

Back: Larson, Lily Gustafson, —, —, Olson, Hattie, [illegible]
Mrs. Gustafson, Ella, —, Betty Peterson [illegible]

[illegible] — Charlie Nelson, Johan A.W. Peterson [illegible]

[illegible] Anet, Oswald Gustafson, —, —
(M. Lillie Thompson)

[illegible] Ellen Peterson Bach [illegible]
Johan & Betty Peterson (ID 1978)

Swedish Picnic, Astoria, OR

Carl Larsen, Gustafson, ——, ——, Olson, Hattie, Anna Hamula, Mrs. Gustafson, Ella, —— Mrs. Hanson
Ford ——, Charlie Nelson, Johan A. W. Peterson, Astor Salvin, Bob Aust, Oswald Gustafson (m. Ilse Thompson) ——, ——, Mrs. [illegible]

Identification by Ellen Peterson Beach, sister of Johanna Betty 1978 photo ca 1900

Blind Gardens
Painter
Britta Peterson

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